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Title: Need to allocate more funds for speeding up gauge conversion work on Naupada-Gunupur railway section in Waltair Division of East-Coast Railway. − Laid.

SHRI KINJARAPU YERRANNAIDU (SRIKAKULAM): There is a metre gauge line from Naupada to Gunupur in my Srikakakulam Parliamentary Constituency, which connects Naupada in Andhra Pradesh to Gunupur in Orissa State under Waltair Division of East Coast Railways. An allocation of Rs. 30 crore has been released for the aforesaid conversion work out of sanctioned amount of Rs. 100 crore. This year, I requested for Rs. 20 crore but only Rs. 5 crore has been allocated which is not sufficient for speeding up the work.

I request the Hon. Minister for Railways to kindly release another Rs. 20 crore for expediting the work.